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### A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ADOPT THE DREAM ACT.

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1 To the Members of the United States Congress:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, known as the Wilson Four, Oscar Corona, Jaime Damian, Yuliana  
4 Huicochea and Luis Nava were illegally brought to the United States from  
5 Mexico by their undocumented parents when they were children. As successful  
6 high school students at Wilson Charter High School, they were competing in an  
7 international solar-powered boat competition in Buffalo, New York when they  
8 were detained by immigration officials at the United States-Canadian border  
9 in 2002. An exhaustive legal struggle followed in which the children sought  
10 to be permitted to remain in the United States; and

11 Whereas, because of their plight, the Wilson Four have become  
12 synonymous with the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors, or  
13 DREAM, Act. First introduced in 2001, the bill would allow undocumented high  
14 school graduates who were brought to the United States as minors and who have  
15 lived here for at least five years to apply for legal status. Although the  
16 bill has undergone several changes, including denying undocumented students  
17 federal education grants and placing them on an international student  
18 tracking system, it has yet to pass Congress; and

19 Whereas, it is estimated that more than 65,000 undocumented students  
20 graduate each year from American high schools. Under current immigration  
21 laws, even bright and overachieving children, who have never known another  
22 home outside of this country, may be deported because of their parents'  
23 illegal action years ago. The DREAM Act would fix a law that now forces  
24 these children to pay the price for their parents' mistakes and would instead  
25 allow them the opportunity to become contributing members of our society.  
26 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of  
27 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

28 1. That the Congress of the United States enact the DREAM Act into  
29 law.

30 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
31 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
32 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from  
33 the State of Arizona.